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TO AMCONSUL KARACHI

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FOR RSS GARRETT FROM ST. MARS

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: EXTRA DUTIES OF RSO, DACCA

REF: KARACHI 03089

1. APPRECIATE RECEIPT REFTEL AND SHARE RSS CONCERN REGARDING TIME AVAILABLE TO LAFRANCHI FOR HIS SECURITY DUTIES.

2. RECOGNIZING FACT THAT SECURITY DUTIES IN DACCA PROBABLY WOULD NOT CONSUME ALL OF RSO'S TIME, SY, UPON ASSIGNING RSO LAFRANCHI, FULLY EXPECTED THAT HE WOULD BE ASKED TO ASSIST IN PERFORMING OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES AT THE POST. THIS CONCESSION, HOWEVER, WAS IN NO WAY INTENDED TO DETRACT FROM HIS ABILITY TO DEAL FULLY AND RESPONSIVELY WITH THE SECURITY PROBLEMS OF THE POST, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT WAS OUT OF A SENSE OF URGENCY IN STRENGTHENING POST SECURITY PROGRAMS THAT THE RSO POSITION WAS RE-ACTIVATED. IT IS DISAPPOINTING, THEREFORE, TO LEARN THAT HE IS NOT BEING UTILIZED AS INTENDED, PARTICULARLY, IF AS RESULT THEREOF SECURITY OF POST HAS BEEN NEGLECTED AS

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SUGGESTED BY GAO INSPECTORS.

3. SOMEWHAT INCONSISTENT WITH INFO PROVIDED REFTEL IS FACT THAT IN FEB. AND MARCH 76, RSO LAFRANCHI MADE STRONG BUT

UNSUCCESSFUL PITCH FOR AMERICAN SECRETARIAL POSITION IN LIGHT OF SOMEWHAT HEAVY CLASSIFIED TYPING REQUIREMENTS. IF INDEED AN SY SECRETARIAL POSITION IS JUSTIFIED, IT WOULD SUGGEST AN RSO WORKLOAD SUFFICIENT TO OCCUPY A GOODLY PORTION OF SECRETARY'S TIME, AND A CORRESPONDING NEED FOR RSO TO SPEND SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF HIS TIME PERFORMING SECURITY DUTIES.

4. BEFORE RAISING THIS ISSUE WITH POST, SY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RSS ON-SCENE ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION. DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH POST OFFICIALS, RSS SHOULD FEEL FREE TO EXPRESS SY CONCERN OVER DISPROPORTIONATE AMOUNT OF TIME RSO SPENDING ON NON-SECURITY PROJECTS - IF INDEED THIS IS THE CASE - AND SY'S OBLIGATION TO USE ITS LIMITED RESOURCES MOST PRODUCTIVELY. SUGGEST ALSO THAT RSS ITERATE SY'S RSO ASSIGNMENT POLICY, I.E.: THAT ALL SECURITY OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS ARE REGULARLY REVIEWED IN DEPARTMENT; THAT WHEN DETERMINATION IS MADE THAT POST SY PROJECTS ARE COMPLETED AND LOCAL CONDITIONS ARE SUCH THAT POST SECURITY PROGRAMS NO LONGER REQUIRE DAY-TO-DAY PROFESSIONAL SECURITY OFFICER ATTENTION AND SUPERVISION, SY WILL CONSIDER REASSIGNING RSO TO LOCATION OF GREATER NEED.

5. AWAIT YOUR REPORT FOLLOWING VISIT TO POST. ROBINSON

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